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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joe M. Williams Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on July 9, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Williams Jr. was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma to Joe M. Sr. and Ama Gann Williams on July 3, 1924; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1942; he served his country in the United States Army during World War II in Japan and married Joan Y. Washburn on September 1, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Williams Jr., along with his family, owned and operated Sinclair and Cities Service gas stations in Moline for many years; he then found employment with the United States Postal Service as a mail sorter; he retired from the post office after 20 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Williams Jr. was a member of First Baptist Church in Rock Island; he was also an avid chess player and past President of the Chess Club; he was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan and greatly enjoyed spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Williams Jr. was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Caroline D. Williams; and his brothers, Bobby (Alice) and Jerry Williams; and

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1 WHEREAS, Joe Williams Jr. is survived by his wife of 65
2 years, Joan; his sons, Gary D. Williams and Terry B. Williams;
3 his daughter, Diana J. Williams; his grandchildren, Wendy
4 (Shawn) Weeks, Teresa (Chuck) Rosenbaum, Jessica Williams, and
5 Amber Williams; seven great-grandchildren; and his sister,
6 Jacqueline (Lawrence) Kistner; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Joe M. Williams Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Joe Williams Jr. as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.